



The LongPath

A North Alabama DX Club Publication

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From the President

We had a great showing, 32 people, at the club picnic a few weeks ago. Susie and Bruce Smith really rolled out the red carpet for us. Lots of good food, great weather, and one terrific antenna farm.

We just finished DXpedition-support month. We sent support funding to the Tokelau group, ZK3A, and the Swains group. Despite the lack of sunspots the DX has been pretty good over the past month. I just got my lowband antennas back up and have been giving them quite a workout.

We'll have a couple of elections on Tuesday. The election committee reported their results at the last meeting. We'll vote on club officers for 2020. Then we'll vote on DX'er of the year. I think that one will be a slam dunk.

The Christmas party will be on the second Tuesday of December. I told Terra Nova we'd start at 5:30, so try to come around that time. I'll also tell them to take orders as members arrive,

and not try to serve everyone at once, as they did recently. We'll be in the long, narrow party room. The only agenda item will be the award of DX'er of the year.

Steve, AG4W, will present the program on his trip to the Cape Verde Islands for the CQWW Phone contest a few weeks ago. This is a very far away land. You'll hear about African pizza and stunning views. And how only eight guys were able to score almost a million points per hour for two solid days. Dizzying! They finished one operator short of first place worldwide. Who worked D4C on all bands? Who worked Steve?

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 12, at Newk's on University Drive. Dinner at 5:30. See you there. We'll have another current DX contest, of course. So study up on those call signs.

73 de Bob, K8KI

D4C

November Program by Steve Werner, AG4W



Our very own Steve Werner, AG4W returns from Cape Verde to tell us what it's like at one of the perennial top-notch DX stations during the height of contest season. Hear about operating, maintaining antennas, and using Flex radios at a complex contest station. Get to Newk's around 5:30 to 6:00 for dinner, business meeting at 6:30, and Steve's program around 7:00.



How to Join

- * Come to a club meeting;
- * or send in an application by mail (form on www.NADXC.org)
- * or call Tom Duncan at (256)705-2147

October Meeting Minutes

By Chris Reed, AI4U, NADXC Secretary/Treasurer

The October 8th meeting of the North Alabama DX was called to order by President Bob Depierre, K8KI at 630pm. Bob welcomed our guests.

A motion was made to approve the previous month's minutes published in the LongPath. The motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Financial report. The motion carried.

Bob, K8KI covered DX worked by the members.

Dr. John Stensby, N5DF give the election committee report. The proposed slate of officers are Bob DePierre, K8KI for President, Steve Molo KI4KWR for Vice-President, and Chris Reed, AI4U for Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. Stensby stated serving as an officer comes with several benefits including prestige and privilege. He reminded everyone that if you wanted to run for one of the aforementioned positions to please speak up now or at the election as nominations can be taken from the floor. The election committee is Dr. Stensby, N5DF, Art Davis, N4UC and Ghee Fry, W7LC.

A membership application from Barry Barton, WA4HR was approved by voice vote.

Old Business

The 2019 NADXC picnic is this Saturday, October 12 at the farm of Bruce Smith, AC4G. Meat will be provided. Bring a dessert, side or drink.

Bob, K8KI reminded the group that the NADXC Christmas Party will be held on December 10 at Terranova's.

A request has been made of the NADXC to sponsor VP8DXU: South Orkney in Feb. 21-March 6, 2020. The membership approved a \$100 donation to South Orkney.

Swains KH6/S is upcoming in March. Steve, AG4W will be a participant. Steve covered some of the of the logistics and expenses. This has to be paid up-front by the members of the DXpedition. After discussion regarding the amount of a supporting donation, a motion was made by Mark, N4BCD to donate \$2,100. This was seconded by Chuck, N4NM and the motion carried.

Bob covered some of the DX that will be active in the next month from NG3K website for CQ WW.

The next meeting of the North Alabama DX club will be November 12, 2019 at 6:30pm at Newk's on Universi-

ty Drive. The program in November will be on DXpedition experiences at Cape Verde given by participant Steve Werner, AG4W.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Kelley, W4VPZ, gave the program on members' ham shacks. Several members explained the equipment and layout of their shack.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris, AI4U

Treasurer's Report

By Chris Reed, AI4U, NADXC

Balance October 1	\$10,762.32
Donation from Huntsville Hamfest	\$200.00
Closing Balance	\$10,962.32

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